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In re Application of :
Carsten Andersen :
Application No. 10/577,598 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: December 18, 2006 :
Attorney Docket No. HBE0008US :

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 8, 2011, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the non-final Office action mailed September 1, 2010, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 26, 2011.

Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated September 1, 2010 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates an irregularity in the mailing of the Office action of September 1, 2010. In this regard, the Office received a revocation power of attorney and change of address on August 16, 2010, prior to the mailing of the Office action of September 1, 2010. Office records were not timely updated to reflect this new change of address. Accordingly, as the Office action was mailed to an incorrect address, the Notice of Abandonment mailed April 26, 2011 is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

The Power of attorney filed August 16, 2010 has been accepted and the correspondence address has been changed to the one above.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center technical support staff of Art Unit 1786 for re-mailing the Office action of September 1, 2010 and resetting the period for reply.

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